

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Jeremy Flemke, age 34 of Bellevue, was sentenced for receiving and distributing child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Flemke to 180 months in prison. After his release from prison, Flemke will begin a five-year term of supervised release.

On January 12, 2009, the Nebraska State Patrol was conducting computer investigations seeking individuals distributing and receiving child pornography by way of Limewire, a peer-to-peer Internet file-sharing program. An investigator connected with Flemke's shared-file folders and observed 175 movie files of suspected child pornography available for download.

On March 26, 2009, the Nebraska Sate Patrol executed a search warrant on Flemke's residence in Bellevue. A forensic review of the computer revealed at least 800 videos and thousands of pictures of child pornography. The images included bondage and torture of young children.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Name of Defendant: Jeremy Flemke

AKA:

Age: 34

City of residence: Bellevue, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every

defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and Distribution of Child Pornography; Not less than 5-20 years of imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; both imprisonment and fine; not less than 5 years to life supervised release; \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Bellevue, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Bellevue, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before March 12, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 1, 2009 (related state arrest)

Date Complaint Issued: April 2, 2009

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 3, 2009, on the Complaint; April 27, 2009 on the

Indictment

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on July 24, 2009

Sentencing Date: October 19, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Detained

In Continuous Custody Since: April 3, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: MPN